THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The broad outline of the agreements can be given only after they are concluded. The agreements are expected to be signed soon.

Permanent seat for India in UN Security Council

1581. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to or have already staked its claim for a permanent seat for India in UN Security Council; if so the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) India has stressed the need for restructuring of the Security Council in order to reflect more than three fold increase in the membership of the United Nations and the changes in the International situation since the world body's inception. Some proposals have been made in the past in this regard, but no specific proposal has come up for formal consideration at the United Nations so far.

Resolving Sino-Indian Disputes

1582. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in resolving Sino-Indian border dispute as a sequel to the visit of Chinese P. M. in the second week of December, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Following the visit of the Chinese Premier to India, the Prime Minister of India and the Chinese Premier met in New York on February 1, 1992 where it was reiterated that the Joint Working Group (JWG) on the boundary question should continue to narrow differences between the two sides on the boundary question. The two leaders also agreed that they would provide political direction to the JWG when this was required. They agreed that strengthening of measures to ensure peace and tranquility would create a favourable environment for the progress of negotiations on the boundary question.

In accordance with the decision reached by the two Prime Ministers at the meeting, the JWG met in New Delhi from 20 to 21 February, 1992. It was agreed by the JWG that regular meetings of the border personnel would be held in June and October every year at Bum La Pass in the Eastern Sector and in the Spanggur Gap Area in the Western Sector. It was also agreed that communication

links would be established to facilitate easy contact between the border personnel. Views were exchanged on specific confidence-building measures including prior intimation of military exercises.

Full Fledged Diplomatic Recognition to Israel

1583. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give full fledged diplomatic recognition to Israel;

(b) if so, whether any modalities with regard to the opening of Indian Embassy in Israel and vice-versa have been completed; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating when an Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv is expected to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) India extended full defacto and dejure recognition to Israel on September 18, 1950. Diplomatic relations have also been established with effect from January 29, 1992.

(b) and (c) Israel has opened an Embassy in New Delhi headed by a Charge de Affairs. The preparations for opening an Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv are under way. It is expected to start functioning shortly.

Support of Russian Republics on the issue of Kashmir

1584. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia and other independent Republics of the earstwhile USSR have supported India on Kashmir. if so, in what terms each has enunciated their stand; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to educate and enlighten the people of these republics about India's stand on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) India has recently accorded recognition to the newly independent Republics of the former USSR and is in the process of establishing diplomatic relations with all of them. Nevertheless, every opportunity is being utilised to apprise the Governments and the peoples of these Republics of the Kashmir situation in its totality. The responses received so far are positive.

The Russian Federation have conveyed that their position on Kashmir remains the same as that of the former USSR.

1585. [*Transferred to the 18th March, 1992*].

Government's stand for Expansion of United Nations Security Council

1586. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: